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1. PICTURE AND SOUND CHANNELS IN AMERICAN SYSTEM MUCH MORE IMMUNE TO NOISE THAN FRENCH SYSTEM. PICTURE FLICKER QUITE NOTICEABLE ON FRENCH SYSTEM. NOT APPARENT ON AMERICAN.

2. TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TWO SYSTEMS NOT EXCLUSIVE BASIS FOR SELECTING ONE TO BE USED. WHEN SELECTING SYSTEM, THE EFFECT CHOICE OF SCANNING STANDARDS AND METHODS OF PICTURE AND SOUND MODULATION WILL HAVE ON PROGRAM INTERCHANGEABILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF PROGRAM MATERIAL SHOULD BE DETERMINED AND STANDARD OF THAT COUNTRY OR AREA SHOULD BE CHOSEN. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SYSTEMS USED IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. PROGRAMS RECEIVED BY SATELLITE, MICROWAVE VIDEOTAPE ARE ON STANDARD OF ORIGINATING COUNTRY. IF DIFFERENT FROM STANDARDS OF BROADCASTING COUNTRY, COSTLY CONVERSION MUST BE DONE RESULTING IN LOSS OF QUALITY.

3. FRENCH SYSTEMS ARE UNIQUE AND COMPATABLE ONLY EASTERN EUROPE, USSR AND LEBANON.

4. IF AMERICAN SYSTEM NOT FEASIBLE, AGENCY'S INTERESTS DICTATE
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PREFERENCE FOR SYSTEM USED IN OTHER COUNTRIES WESTERN EUROPE

SINCE PROGRAMMING TO COUNTRIES ON THIS STANDARD GREATLY EXCEEDS
THAT FOR FRENCH SYSTEM. CONVERSION COSTS WOULD BE MINIMUM.
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